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SUBJ: DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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1. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION NAHED KHANI TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER JULY 9 THAT NO MORE APPLICATIONS COULD BE ACCEPTED FOR \$(US) 25 MILLION (ESTIMATED) DAMASCUS AIRPORT PROJECT. AFTER CALL FOR APPLICATIONS WAS CLOSED IN MAY, TWELVE COMPANIES (THREE EACH U.S., FRENCH AND GERMAN, AND ONE EACH ITALIAN, U.K., AND DUTCH) WERE INVITED TO PURCHASE TENDER DOCUMENTS AND SUBMIT BIDS. CHOSEN US FIRMS ARE MACKWARD AND KARAFILIS, DETROIT; BRODSKY, HOPF, AND ADLER, NEW YORK; AND INTERNATIONAL PLANNERS AND DEVELOPERS, NEW YORK. TO DATE, ONLY BRODSKY, HOPF, AND ADLER HAS PURCHASED TENDER DOCUMENTS. BIDS WILL BE OPENED SEPTEMBER 7.

2. ALTHOUGH FRENCH EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICER TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER HE WAS CONFIDENT FRENCH FIRMS HAD INSIDE TRACK, KHUNI STRESSED COMPETITION WAS WIDE-OPEN AMONG THE TWELVE FINALISTS. HE POINTED OUT THAT FRENCH CONSORTIUM WHO DID EARLIER DAMASCUS AIRPORT PROJECT DID SUCH A "BAD JOB" THAT SYRIAN GOVERNMENT REFUSED TO ENTERTAIN OFFERS FROM FRENCH FIRMS ASSOCIATED
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